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Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

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Hongkong, July 10, 1885. 1169

Intimations.

NOTICE.

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F. A. DA CRUZ.

Macao, 17th August, 1885. 1415

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Chinese Early Mythology.

Notices of New Books.

Notes and Queries.

Taoist Initiation.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Fresh N.W. to S.W. winds are expected here. The telegraphic communication with the Observatory is interrupted.

'TATTERS' in the Singapore Free Press says:

"So the 'Empire' has left to do a little bit of annexation! We are a wonderful people. Nothing likes the average Briton more than to be told by some importunate foreigner that we are always 'on the grab.' But the accusation is quite true. In this case, no harm will be done to anybody as the Coconuts have been owned by British subjects for many a long year past. Rumour has it that somebody else went and hoisted another flag, and that the sole representative of the Union Jack therewith 'went for him' and summarily abolished the usurper, writing up here at the same time to suggest that, to prevent accident, a pucca 'Jack' had better be sent down there. Query for the average Singapore resident—Where are the Coconuts Islands referred to? I may mention that there are two groups of the same name, situated a few hundred miles apart."

The Shan, Foo of 13th August in a leading article on the drain of China's wealth denies that the present want of funds is due to the balance of trade having been against China ever since the ports were opened or to the natural expenses of the war with France. The four causes that really drain the treasury are: (1) the lekin branch barriers, which are made a source of squeeze, the people without benefiting the state; (2) the avarice of the whole body of officials, who in these degenerate days esteem office only as means for the unscrupulous collection of private fortunes; (3) the useless regular army that costs millions and cannot put one man in the field, as the officers think only of enjoying the wages of imaginary soldiers and never condescend to drill; (4) the system of purchasing foreign arms at an overcharge of 50 or 60 per cent. and machinery for arsenals and manufactories from greedy agents through deputes, who, as long as they get their profit on a transaction, never think of examining the guns etc., purchased so dear."

All this is very true, but who will find and carry out the remedy—properly paid officials and honesty and zeal in the public service.

Says the Singapore Free Press: "It has been stated in Singapore that the four guns purchased by the military authorities in England for our forts from the Chinese Government are Krupp guns, and quite unsuited for the purpose, as they would require special ammunition, had foreign sights, and for various other reasons were a gigantic 'job,' although we did not credit it at all, and thought that the Director of Ordnance in England had, possibly, some knowledge of his business, we asked that enquiry should be made, and the result is that it is ascertained beyond a doubt that the four guns purchased from the Chinese Government are Armstrong guns and not Krupp guns; they are lying at the Kowloon Docks in Hongkong, and will be sent here as soon as a military board has sat upon them and certain formalities are complied with. This is a good example of the unsatisfactory nature of the attacks that are made from time to time upon what is being done to complete our fortifications, and much that is said only requires to be enquired into, to be dispelled as this is now."

YESTERDAY afternoon the Colony was visited by a very violent wind squall, which came on with a suddenness and rapidity most unusual. A little after 3 p.m. the sky to the north-east became overcast by black and threatening clouds and in a few minutes violent gusts of wind burst over the harbour, succeeding one another with increasing force. In a few minutes a heavy and choppy sea was raised in the harbour, and the small craft lying alongside or a little way out were thrown into utter confusion, and the occupants exposed to the most serious danger. After the first few gusts, torrents of rain accompanied the wind, which afterwards dropped almost as suddenly as it had arisen, and was followed by a thunderstorm.

During the short time that the squall lasted a perfect panic reigned amongst the boat-people, and their cries could be heard above the roar of the wind all along the harbour front. No time was allowed the sampans and cargo boats to get into a place of safety and a number of the former were capsized or smashed by the violence with which they were driven together or against the wharves and Paya Wall. Assistance was rendered by many of the community who had gathered on the Paya to the unfortunate inhabitants of the small craft and many lives which would undoubtedly have been lost were thus saved. During the height of the squall a sampan, with eight Chinese occupants, was driven among the rocks to the east of Kellest's Island and there capsized. The occupants of the sampan were rescued from the water with considerable difficulty by Mount Atkinson and Head, of the Commissariat Dept., we have, the latter receiving rather severe injuries to his hands in the struggle in the surf.

The total amount of damage done can scarcely yet be estimated. Al-shan-tai, a sailing junk was over-turned and three of the occupants, a woman and two children, who were in the hold, were drowned. The rest of the crew escaped by swimming. In the harbour a number of cargo boats and

sampans were more or less injured, principally by collision, and a steam-launch belonging to Messrs Blackhead & Co. was sunk close to the Douglas Co.'s wharf. A large cargo boat, loaded, was sunk at Wan-chun, near the East Point Sugar Refinery, but the crew were fortunately rescued. A gentleman who was a member of a party on board the steam launch Kei-hung informs us that they were near the wreck of the Castle when the same came upon them. The launch was nearly capsized in the first gust, but after cutting away the awning, they made for the Breakwater at Canaway Bay, and succeeded in getting into shelter. They saw several fishing junks capsized in the Ly-ae-moon Pass, and spoke the Captain of the S.S. Cassandra, lying off Quarry Bay, who reported having picked up four Chinese from a capsized junk.

Mr W. H. R. Mossop, who was in a canoe in the harbour when the squall came on, had a narrow escape. The canoe capsized and left him struggling in the water, from which he was fortunately rescued in time by a passing boat.

In the Western districts and at Kowloon little damage was done, as the force of the squall was directed towards the north and east of the island. At Yau-ma-tei a large mastabed, erected by the Chinese for joss purposes, was lifted bodily into the air and blown away, and the Police matched at the Peak had weep, suffered a similar fate.

It is to be feared from the number of small craft which were upset or broken up, more loss of life has occurred than has up to the present been reported; a few days will probably bring to light all the serious casualties which have occurred.

The officers of both the Mtsu Biaki Kaisha and the Kyodo Unyu Kaisha have agreed to the main conditions of the proposed amalgamation, but the final issue depends upon the decision of the shareholders of the latter company, whose general meeting is to take place on the 13th instant. Some of the latter's staff were at first strongly opposed to the present proposition, but have finally accepted it.

We are surprised, says a contemporary, that more notice has not been taken in the papers of the following noble action:

"The coal famine at St. Petersburg, with the demand for coal for the Russian navy, led to inquiries and large purchases in England. In reply to an application to Messrs. Ellis, Laver, and Co., of Manchester, for 20,000 tons of steam coal for immediate delivery at Russian ports, when war seemed imminent, the patriotic coal-mERCHANTS replied:—'We decline to sell a ton of coal for Russia at the present time at any price.'

The Singapore Free Press understands that arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Parcel Post between the United Kingdom and the Straits Settlements to be conducted entirely by the Post Office. The postage will be much less than the rate now charged, and parcels will be forwarded to and from all parts of the United Kingdom without extra charge. The Press mentions the matter now, as it believes the new service will be working by the time orders sent home now will reach their destination. Cannot our Postmaster General do something to get this valuable system extended to Hongkong?

The Ladies' Lawn Tennis Club Tournament at Singapore, was brought to a close on the 13th instant when the final ties of the Championship and the Consolation Handicaps were played. The former was won by Miss Dennis, who beat Mrs. Dore, the Champion of the last Tournament, by two sets to love. Mrs. Clement Smith kindly presented the prize to the winners at the close of the play. The Straits Times say the Club may be congratulated on a very successful tournament. The weather has been exceptionally favourable, the ground in good order, and attendance of members and their friends large.

WHEREAS the St. Petersburg Government, says the Pioneer, shares the dread which Russian Generals have expressed of conflict with China, we cannot say. But the feeling is certainly not reciprocated by the Chinese. They are no respecters of the persons of such Russians as cross the frontier to raid in the Chinese gold-fields at Aigun. A large body of troops is stationed there with strict orders which they strictly carry out, to stop the heads of every foreigner i.e., Russian, whom they see come along. To this somewhat unneighborly course of procedure Russia has resorted by an order forbidding Russian subjects to cross the frontier. The prohibition should be, under the circumstances, rather unnecessary.

Mr. A. Billingham, Chief Clerk of the Singapore Gas Company, was brought up before Mr. Penney, Magistrate at Singapore, on the 14th inst. He was charged, firstly, with forging the names of Messrs. W. H. Read and W. T. Batten to a cheque and passing the same on the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China; and, secondly, with having loaded firearms on his possession without a permit for this cause. He pleaded guilty to both charges. Messrs. W. H. Read, Chairman, and W. T. Batten, Manager of the Gas Company, Chief Inspector Newland, Police Sergeant Kean, and the Sheriff of the Chartered Bank gave evidence for the prosecution. The prisoner was undeterred. The gist of the evidence was as follows:—On the morning of the 13th instant, Mr. Billingham presented a cheque for £473 at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and one of the Shillings payed him that amount, mostly in notes. After he had left the Bank, the Sheriff was found to be in Mr. Read's office to look for the prisoner. Mr. Billingham, who was then sitting over Chancery Bridge, in a hack, and followed him, the Sheriff reached his carriage and told him to stop. He presented a revolver at his (the Sheriff's) head, and told his driver to drive on. He was soon to enter the Police Station, and the Sheriff went off to Mr. Read's office to look for the prisoner.

He was not there, but was soon sitting over Chancery Bridge in a hack, and followed him. The Sheriff reached his carriage and told him to stop. He presented a revolver at his (the Sheriff's) head, and told his driver to drive on. He was soon to enter the Police Station, and the Sheriff went off to Mr. Read's office to look for the prisoner.

covered the prisoner, who had been hiding in a tub of water in the ladies' bathing room. He asked him for the revolver he had, and he gave it up. He seemed to be suffering from the effects of drink. Messrs. Read and Batten confirmed the fact of the signatures being a forgery. After hearing all the evidence, Mr. Penney committed the prisoner to trial at the next assizes.

The Bombay Guardian understand that the headquarters of the Salvation Army are to be removed from Bombay to the Kennedy Caves, Salsette. These caves are in a secluded valley in Salsette Island, some eighteen miles from Bombay, and are celebrated for their Buddhist sculptures and excavations. There are very many caves, of different sizes, and the place is said to have been the site of a Buddhist monastery in ancient times. At present the place and its vicinity are a jungle, so sequestered as any hermit could wish, save for the visits paid by travellers and archaeologists.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, was held this afternoon in St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall. Among those present were: Hon. F. D. Sassoon, (Chairman); Messrs. A. McIver, C. D. Bottomley, H. L. Dalrymple, W. H. Forbes, M. Grote, H. Hoppius, A. P. MacEwen, and E. E. Saswood (Directors); Hon. T. Jackson (Chief Manager); Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs. G. E. Noble, C. P. Chater, E. Georg, J. C. Hughes, J. Pitman, H. Kuhlmair, R. Fraser-Smith, H. Z. Just, E. H. Oxley, H. M. Bevis, H. R. Coombs, A. S. Cohen, J. Th. Corvalho, H. W. Davis, S. G. Bird, J. T. Chater, H. N. Mody, P. Jordan, A. MacConachie, J. A. Monckley, J. M. Figueredo, and others.

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman read the report, and then said:—Gentlemen, the accounts which accompany the report just read fully explain the position of the Bank's affairs, and I think you will agree with me that the result of the past half year's working has been most satisfactory. (Applause.) We have not experienced losses, but every bad and doubtful account has been fully provided for, and the policy of the Bank in this respect, so clearly explained to you by the previous Chairman last February, has been rigidly adhered to. (Applause.) With regard to the Profits, it is very gratifying that, in addition to the usual dividend of two pounds per share, we are able, with your approval, to place £100,000 to the Reserve Fund, and £100,000 to the Equalization of Dividends Reserve, thus bringing these funds up to £400,000 and £300,000 respectively. (Applause.) My predecessor in detail at the last yearly meeting referred in detail to the various loans negotiated with the Chinese Imperial Government, since we have floated on the London market two sterling loans for £1,500,000 and £2,500,000 respectively. Both these were eagerly taken up in London, with very satisfactory results to the Bank. (Applause.) And we do not hold a single bond in either. I would like to add for your information that the profits on these, as well as on the silver loans will be spread over their currency, and will be a considerable addition to our profit and dividends during the next ten years. (Applause.) With regard to the three Silver Loans of 1884, the bank, now holding £800,000 of the 'A' loan, none of the 'B' and £100,000 of the 'C' loan in all, say £900,000; these are being disposed of as opportunity offers at a handsome premium. As to our depositors, you will be glad to learn that they are steadily increasing. On the 30th of June, 1884, we had £46,057,073.14 on deposit, on the 31st of December last £51,927,905.69 and at the close of the post half year £53,457,227.57, or a total increase of £7,490,153.33 during the last twelve months. It is gratifying to see such public confidence in our bank, and we are pleased to say the money is being advantageously employed. (Applause.) I may mention that our New Bank Building is progressing satisfactorily; we have already written £100,000 off this account, and therefore do not need it necessary to make any further provision this time. Gentleman, I have only to add, in conclusion, that the business of the current half year has opened well, and I hope that when we meet in February next, we will again be able to present you with an equally favourable statement. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions or give any information. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Davis—I beg to second the motion. There being no question asked, the motion was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman.—That closes the meeting. I thank you for your attention. The dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

Just as we were proceeding to adjourn, Mr. Pitman rose and said—I would like, before the meeting散s, to ask a question of the Director, which I believe I am in order in doing, and that is, if the Directors did not propose to make any alteration to the existing Articles of Association, by which shareholders can see who are bona fide shareholders of the Bank. This question becomes since the last meeting I applied for permission to see the list of shareholders, and the application was refused. I understand that by the common law of England all joint-stock and limited liability companies are compelled to keep such a local registry; and I think that sooner or later it will be put in force here, and I think it would be of advantage to the shareholders. Therefore I wish to know whether the Directors would be disposed to support such a measure.

The Chairman.—I beg to inform you that under the local ordinance we are not compelled to give the names and addresses of shareholders, nor do we desire it desirable to do so. At the same time we are always prepared to receive the wishes of shareholders in every respect. (Applause.) That concludes the business of the meeting.

Mr. Mody.—My Chairman and gentleman, I propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman

and Directors for the able manner in which they have given the dividend and shown the report (Laughter and Applause).

The Chairman.—On behalf of the Board and myself, I thank you.

The meeting adjourned.

Bangkok

(From Our Correspondent.)

BANGKOK, 12th August.

Last Saturday afternoon, the ceremony of unveiling the monument to the late Mr. Abaster was performed. The deceased gentleman was for many years in the British Consular service, and afterwards the trusted and valued friend and adviser of H. M. the King. He died in August of last year, and, by direction of His Majesty a handsome monument in marble in the Gothic style, was ordered from Europe by Mr. Grassi, architect, and erected by that gentleman's solicitors not later than Friday.

Police Intelligence.

(Before E. Mackay, Esq.)

Mondays, August 22.

THE WONG-NEI-CHONG HOMICIDE.

Cheung Man Sing, alias Sung Achat, the gardener, charged with killing one Li Afek at Wong-nei-sheong the 9th June, appeared again on remand.

Mr. A. Stokes, Acting Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

Li Afek, a coolie living at Wong-nei-sheong, near the race-course, was accused of killing the prisoner on the 9th June, according to the autumnal calendar. Meadows said he had known him for four or five years.

Dr. Marques gave evidence to the same effect as when examined before Mr. Wode-

house.

The prisoner having been duly cautioned and sworn to, he stated to the effect that he arrived in the Colony on the 21st July and made the acquaintance of a woman whom he called his sister-in-law. She employed him as a gardener on the 1st August, at \$3 a month. On the evening of the 2nd Aug., the Inspector and constables came and arrested him.

He was then again taken to the station, and again to the prison.

The following report of the proceedings

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George Hodges, usher, sworn stated—

He received a summons on Friday last with instructions to serve it upon A. J. Meadows. He did so. He met him in Water-street on his way. Meadows said he was going to see Boz as he had been ordered to proceed to the autumnal calendar. He knew nothing about the case, however.

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Mr. Box, whose case in the Police Court

here against Mr. Frost, attracted consider-

able attention, seems determined to bring

the man whom he accuses of victimizing

him to book in some way or other. On

the 10th instant, he brought a charge against

Mr. A. J. Meadows, in B. B. M's Court for

Japan, at Yokohama, of stealing in Calcutta

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